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SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1910.

expected letters.

"Well," he said, with an air of disappointment, "I find nothing here. Suppose we try another room."

"Certainly," she agreed, and her face brightened in such evident relief that he turned to her suddenly and said almost regretfully: "Madam, I hear you are fond of gambling. Now, then, he walked back quietly to the desk, 'I want you to open this secret drawer.'"

A big tear of weakness and humiliation gathered and rolled down her cheek, and then, still silent, she took a hatpin from her hair, inserted one leg of it into a tiny hole quite lost in the ornamental work at the back of the desk, pushed against a hidden spring, and presto, a small secret drawer shot forward. In this drawer lay a packet of letters tied with a ribbon.

"Thanks," he said. "I'm sorry." And he took the packet from the drawer.

"Why didn't I burn them? Why didn't I burn them?" she murmured.

"You trusted to that drawer," he suggested.

"No, no; I knew the danger, but I couldn't give them up. They stood for the best part of my life, the tenderest, the happiest. I've been a weak, wicked woman."

"Any secrets in these letters will be scrupulously respected," he assured her, "unless they have a bearing on this crime."

Turning to him with tear stained face, "I didn't tell you the truth about Kittredge and Martinez. There was trouble between them. He speaks about it in one of his letters. It was about the little girl at Notre Dame."

"You mean Martinez was attentive to her?"

"Yes." "Did she encourage him?"

"I don't know. She behaved very strangely. She seemed attracted to him and afraid of him at the same time. Martinez told me what an extraordinary effect he had on the girl. He said it was due to his magnetic power."

"And Kittredge objected to this?"

"Of course he did, and they had a quarrel. It's all in one of those letters."

"Do you remember what he said?"

"Why—er—yes." "What was it?"

"She hesitated a moment, and then, as though weary of resisting, she replied, 'He told Martinez that if he didn't leave this girl alone he would break his d—head for him.'"

(To Be Continued.)

PENNSYLVANIA R. R. RAISES WAGES

175,000 Men Granted 6 Per Cent. Increase.

Philadelphia, March 30.—The Pennsylvania railroad has made a voluntary increase of 6 per cent in the pay of all employees who now get less than \$200 per month. The raise is to be effective from the first of next month. About 175,000 men are affected.

Notices were posted at all division points on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh. It is understood that a similar advance will apply on the lines west of Pittsburgh. That being the case, an army of probably 175,000 men will be benefited. On the lines east of Pittsburgh the Pennsylvania road employs about 123,000 men, and on the western system some 58,000 more. Comparatively few get more than \$300 per month.

Mexican Peas.
Mexican peas live chiefly on beans, rice, corn, cheap cuts of meat, coffee, tortillas and peppers. Bread is not used by these people.

Turbine Steamers.
In a turbine steamer the rhythmic churning of the pistons disappears and instead the engines give out a thin soprano song that rises or falls in key with the speed, sometimes suggesting a continuous squeal.

The Black Panther.
The fiercest of all animals is the black panther.

Hurrah.
"Hurrah!" It used to be "Hurrah!" and the cry is as old as England. It is the battcry of the old Norse Vikings as they swept down to burn and murder among the peaceful British. "Tur, ale!" was their warcry, which means "Thor, ale!" an appeal for help to Thor, the god of battles.

An Old English Law.
In the time of King Canute, in the eleventh century, there was a law prohibiting English parents from selling their children to the Irish for slaves.

Her Sentiments.
They were looking over the paper together. "Oh, my, how funny!" said she.

"What is it?" he asked.

"Why, here's an advertisement that says, 'No reasonable offer refused.'"

"What is there odd about that?"

"Nothing, nothing," she replied, trying to blush, "only those are my sentiments."

Another wedding shortly.

A PLEASANT REMARK.

It Was the Only One the Crank Made During the Game.

At a whist club in Brooklyn was an old fellow who enjoyed the reputation of being a great crank, and his animadversions against his partners were so severe and his manners generally so bad that it was rare, indeed, that he could get any one to play with him.

One night, however, a man happened in from the west, and the avoided one promptly assailed him with a request to "sit in." The western man was about to comply when he was quietly taken aside by one of the members of the club, who told him the reputation of the crank.

"I don't care," he said. "I can stand it, I guess."

At the end of the evening he was approached once more by the curious member.

"Well," said the member, "how did you manage?"

"First rate."

"Didn't he insult you?"

"Why, no."

"Didn't he browbeat you?"

"Not at all."

"Didn't he say anything?"

"Nothing special. He only spoke once during the whole course of the game."

"What did he say then?"

"Why, I didn't get the cards out right in the last round, and he looked over at me very pleasantly and said, 'Why, you can't even deal, can you?'

—Life.

A Tory's "Tip."

A good story is told of the times of the first reform bill in England, when the popular cry was "The bill, the whole bill and nothing but the bill."

In those days the various hostilities along the coaching roads were patronized according to the political leanings of the landlord. One night a Tory arrived at a certain inn and found to his horror that the landlord was a Radical. The next morning he discovered that the waiter was of the same political faith. He had satisfaction. Upon paying his reckoning he omitted the expected tip. "There, sir," said he, "is the bill, the whole bill and nothing but the bill."

The Tale That Taft Told.

While spending the winter in Georgia before his inauguration as president Mr. Taft went to the city of Athens to deliver an address to the students of the University of Georgia. He met a member of the faculty—a staunch Democrat—who said:

"Judge, I voted the Democratic ticket, but wanted to see you win."

Judge Taft replied:

"You remind me of the story of Br'er Jasper and Br'er Johnson, who were both deacons in the Shiloh Baptist Church, although avowed enemies."

"Br'er Jasper died, and the other deacons told Br'er Johnson he must say something good about the deceased on Sunday night. At first he declined, but finally consented."

"Sunday night, when time for the eulogy arrived, he arose slowly and said, 'Brother and sisteren, I promised to say sompin' good 'bout Deacon Jasper tonight, an' I will say all I hopes he's gone whar we knows he ain't.'"

A Word of Kindness.

There are lives of wearisome monotony which a word of kindness can relieve. There is suffering which words of sympathy can make more endurable, and often, even in the midst of wealth and luxury, there are those who listen and long in vain for some expression of disinterested kindness. Speak to those while they can hear and be helped by you.

The Doctor's Orders.

An old farmer was walking one day looking very gloom and miserable. He was a man who ordinarily dearly loved a joke. But jokes seemed a long way off just then, and the old man was thinking deeply when he was accosted by a tramp, who made the usual request for a night's lodging and something to eat, as he explained he had had nothing for two



WALKED ON HIM.

whole days. The effect upon the farmer when he said this was magical.

"Why, man," he said, "I've been looking for you all day."

And then without more ado he knocked him down and walked on him from one end to the other. The tramp got up, looking very staggered, and asked him why he had done that.

"Well," said he, "my doctor has ordered me to walk on an empty stomach, and now that I have fulfilled his injunction I can go and have a good feed."

The Eskimos.

The Eskimos have no physicians; indeed, have no name for drugs or doctors. Nature here acts the good sanitarian and shuts the door against all disease germs and blends in their food lodin, the most powerful and least harmful of all antiseptics. The use of remedies either inside or out is unknown. Wounds heal up at once without marring. All tumors, warts and cancers are unknown.

A Man's Opinion.

"If we had women for judges," said the lady with the square jaw, "few divorces would be granted."

"Yes," replied the horrid man. "They'd be so eager to hear the scandalous details that it would never be possible to get all the evidence in."

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